

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 35-37 and 46-50 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Klinner (U.S.P. 4,512,146, hereinafter Klinner '146) and Claims 38-45 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 38 has been canceled, without prejudice, and thus, Claims 35-37 and 39-50 remain active.


Considering first then the rejection of Claims 35-37 and 46-50 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Klinner '146, it is to be noted, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 38-45, the language of Claim 38 has now been incorporated into the language of Claim 35. It is noted in this regard that complete antecedent basis appears in Claim 35 for all of the limitations of Claim 38 and thus, the language of Claim 38 has been added directly to Claim 35 without inclusion of the limitation of Claims 36 and 37, particularly insofar as the Examiner has indicated the limitations of such claims do not patentably define over Klinner '146. Accordingly, it is submitted that each of Claims 35-37 and 46-50 now merit indication of allowability. In addition, in view of the Examiner's objection to the language of Claims 38-45, it is submitted that Claims 39-45 also merit indication of allowability.

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In view of the foregoing, and early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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